



**Christ Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
*Creating Beloved Community*

9:55 a.m.

September 16, 2018

Welcome to worship! As you settle in for worship, please feel free to light a candle of prayer in the chapel area (right side of sanctuary). The children will be with us until singing out the children. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room at the back of the sanctuary for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

\*HYMN

'Bring Many Names'

No. 10

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 19:1–4, 14*)

Look at the heavens!

**They are shouting the glory of God.**

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

**Their voice goes through all the earth  
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**



INTROIT

'This Little Light of Mine'

Traditional

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand  
**Bold print indicates congregational response**

## A WORD ABOUT BELONGING/ANTHEM

ANTHEM

'Bring 'em All In'

Mike Scott

Katrina Clinton, guitar; Murray Kidd, soloist

Bring 'em all into my heart.  
Bring the little fishes  
Bring the sharks  
Bring 'em from the brightness  
Bring 'em from the dark  
Bring 'em all into my heart.  
Bring 'em from the caverns  
Bring 'em from the heights  
Bring 'em from the shadows  
Stand 'em in the light.  
Bring 'em all into my heart.  
Bring the unforgiven  
Bring the unredeemed  
Bring the lost, the nameless  
Let 'em all be seen  
Bring 'em out of exile  
Bring 'em out of sleep  
Bring 'em to the portal  
Lay them at my feet

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT (*reprise*)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (*Jer. 23:25–29*)

**You have called us, O God,  
and we have refused to listen;  
you have stretched out your hand  
and we have not taken it.  
We have taken what you have given us  
and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.  
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.**

**Forgive our inability to recognize you  
and live out the reality of your gospel.  
Give us the insight we need  
to understand your place in our lives  
so that our words and actions reflect  
the glory of God in the lives of others.  
In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.**

KYRIE

Murray Kidd

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*RECEIVING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

*(by handshake, embrace, or with hands folded)*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*GLORIA

'Holy, Holy, Holy' verse 1

No. 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

HYMN

'Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race'

No. 485

MORNING PRAYERS

**THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**



Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music in the fellowship hall on the lower level. If you are visiting with us for the first time, welcome! We invite you to enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea and a donut (yes, the donuts are back!), and hope that you will return next week.

**Participating in today's service are:**

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are in loving memory of Joseph D. Clark from his family.

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**IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today in Sunday School we will be reviewing the stories of our names: where our families came from, who we were named for, and whether our names have special meaning. Names help distinguish us one from another, but also tell something about our connections one to another. We will be talking about Jesus' commandment to love one another (John 13:34). "One another" means everybody - short and tall, wide and narrow, light and dark, fancy and plain... we are all loved by God. The children will be tracing themselves on big paper and making self-portraits, life-sized, to decorate our space.

**AT HOME:** Questions for parents and adults to consider: how do we model "love one another" in our church? Is there a way you can contribute to that effort? Perhaps you can greet someone you don't know. Perhaps you can sit with someone new at coffee hour and be curious about their life. Perhaps you can talk during the week with your children or at Wednesday dinner about a time when it made a difference to you that someone was caring. Is this part of what is meant by Jesus saying "follow me"? Is there special work to be done in times of hurricanes and gas explosions? How do we follow? How do they know we are Christians (hint: remember the song: They'll know we are Christians by our love.)

**DIGGING DEEPER:** The upper elementary will be looking in bibles, reviewing the Old Testament and New Testament portions, recalling how to look up a chapter and verse. You can practice this at home too. Some good verses about following Jesus are found at Matthew 5:13-16 and Romans 5:1-5.

Many thanks to today's Sunday School teachers: Tammy Blackler, Mary Poole, Cara Harrigan, Glenn Carey (Superintendent), Deana Colby, Debbie Bowman, Matt Howard and Tracey Hixon.

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As members of the Pilgrim Association, we pray each week for a sister UCC Congregation. This week, you are invited to pray for:

**Second Congregational Church, Cohasset**

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All are welcome to use our food pantry when needed. We also welcome donations to the food pantry.

**Reminder:** There are some frozen dinners in the church freezer if anyone is interested.

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**WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6PM**

This week we will be having Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Roasted Potatoes and Broccoli with a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

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**FALL SESSION, 2018**

Beginning on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, World Voices Youth Choir, for young women grades 6 through 12, will gather weekly for art and homework help, choir rehearsal, and dinner with table topics on character and leadership.



Call 508.586.3022 to register and wovos.org for more info.

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**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for Sunday School. Maybe it has been a long time since you taught Sunday School and you're feeling that "I could do it one more time" feeling. Consider taking one of the month's themes and leading a class. Maybe you have a passion for inclusion and welcome and hope our children will understand its importance. Maybe you wonder about forgiveness. Maybe you are all about caring. Consider adding to that conversation by teaching for a month. There will be a shepherd with each age group – someone who has made a longer term commitment to connect with the kids (but not have to prepare the lesson). Lesson plans include supply lists, the flow of the lesson for the day, an opening exercise, questions for discussion, a project/drama/activity, and closing prayer. Contact Rev. Patricia for more encouragement or to sign up.

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**WANTED: 2019 Calendars** for Veterans at Brockton V.A. Hospital Please leave in the office and the Missions Committee will deliver them.



~Thank you from the Missions Committee

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **We pray for those who cannot be with us at church:**

Ramona Adler, Jane Benson, Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, Mary Geraigery, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Barbara Smith, Don Squires, and Viola Szydowski.

### **And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:**

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Luke Creedon, Florence Cronkhite, Dianna Dalida (Denise Cahill's friend), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Dan Dunklee (friend of Ken & Paula Stevens), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Mary Geraigery, Joanne Gratzner, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Rebecca Lacourse, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Joyce Morse (Lisa Sparling's Mother), Michelle Pursell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (uncle of Mary Poole), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Norm Shippee, Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), Evelyne Socha (great niece of Barbara Moody), Anna Thomas, Kevin Vogt, Lois & Vern Yingling (Bill Cockshaw's parents).

### **For those in the military, especially:**

Scott Allen, Kathleen Crooker, Michael J. Harris, Andrew Johnson, Alex (Pasha) Ozelius, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun. 9/16**

9:55am Worship  
12:00pm Cooking w/Sequoria

**Mon. 9/17**

Office Closed

**Tue. 9/18**

9:30am Craft Group  
1:00pm Quilt Guild

**Wed. 9/19**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:15pm Midday Organ Concert w/ Dick Hill & Friend  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm Adult Choir  
8:15pm Adult Bells

**Thur. 9/20**

6:30pm BIC (Research Action Meeting)  
7:00pm Council Committee Meeting  
7:00pm Endowment Meeting

**Sun. 9/23**

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12:00pm Cooking w/Sequoria



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**Welcome!**